

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the hospital authorities, no specific cases have been mentioned in the memorandum.

#### **Ahmedabad-Baroda Expressway.**

1503. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of construction work of Ahmedabad-Baroda Expressway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the revised estimate is still pending with his ministry for approval resulting in the hampering of the progress of the project; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action the Government propose to take for expeditious approval of the revised estimate?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The progress of bridge and road works in about 27.47% and 30.95% respectively. For the road works, the contractor has been expelled and the possibility of taking up the balance work on Build Operate and Transfer basis is being explored.

(b) and (c). The revised estimate as projected needs reconciliation in light of (a) above.

#### **Compensation to Villagers of Visakhapatnam District**

1504. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to acquire land in Mariapalem village in Visakhapatnam for setting up Base Victualling Yard project of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been released for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the action taken to pay adequate compensation at market rate to the owners of land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d). Land measuring 25.41 acres in Mariapalem village in Visakhapatnam for setting up Base Victualling Yard Project of Indian Navy has been acquired under Requisition and Acquisition of Immovable Property (RAIP) Act, 1952.

The sanctioned amount in accordance with the provisions of the said Act/Rules has been placed at the disposal of the Collector, Visakhapatnam who in turn has already disbursed the same to concerned villagers.

#### **National Coastal Protection Project Kerala**

1505. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether sea coasts of Kerala are under constant destruction and erosion;

(b) whether a project for coastal protection 'National Coastal Protection Project' has been submitted by Government of Kerala;

(c) if so, the salient features of the project including the cost;

(d) whether the Union Government will be providing any grant;

(e) if so, the quantum thereof; and

(f) the time schedule for expeditious completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) According to assessment made by the State Government, about 480 Km of the coast out of a total coastal length of 560 km in the State is vulnerable to erosion.

(b) and (c). Proposals have been received from Government of Kerala in January 1996 for inclusion in the consolidated project proposals on 'National Coastal Protection Project' under preparation at the centre covering all maritime states. The Kerala Government proposal, at an estimated cost of Rs. 346.50 crore, envisages construction of 126.288 km of new sea wall, reformation of 99.958 km of old sea wall and research and development activities.

(d) and (e). Central loan assistance to the States for anti sea erosion works has been discontinued beyond 1991-92 as decided by the National Development Council. However, the Working Group on Flood Management for Ninth Plan has recommended providing funds in Central Sector on a matching basis for anti sea erosion works of critical nature for all coastal States.

(f) The time schedule would be decided on finalisation of consolidated project report incorporating proposals from all maritime States.

[Translation]

#### **Educational Films**

1506. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the procedure being followed by the University Grants Commission for making educational films.

(b) the total number of English and Hindi films made during the last two years, separately;

(c) the reasons for not accepting the proposal of Hindi script on Indian rivers;

(d) the decision taken on the complaints received against the Chairman of the Commission in this regard; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to streamline the procedure in regard to films production in the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### Mini Stadium

1507. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Government of Haryana about the release of funds for the construction of a mini stadium in village Jorasi district Panipat but the money has not yet been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to provide adequate funds for the project at the earliest; and

(c) the time by which the funds are likely to be provided to the panchayat of village Jorasi for the construction of mini stadium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to heavy commitments already made and in view of the shortage of resources, it has not been possible to consider fresh proposals during the current year. The sponsors have, therefore, been asked to apply afresh at the beginning of the IXth Plan.

#### Shortage of Medicines

1508. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

DR. BALIRAM :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether poor management of resources,

inadequate manpower and shortage of drugs are the major problems in Government hospitals in Delhi, particularly in Safdarjung hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have considered the desirability of examining in depth the functioning and working conditions in the city's Government hospitals by an expert committee; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). A number of measures have been taken to upgrade the facilities in the Central Government hospitals by providing new equipments for diagnostics and therapeutics, supplying essential and life-saving drugs and improving patient conveniences. In the case of Safdarjung Hospital, steps have been taken to upgrade the infrastructure in various critical areas and to take up other sectors of the hospital for renovation and modernisation in a phased manner.

(c) and (d). The working of the Central Government hospitals was reviewed recently by the Standing Parliamentary Committee who gave a number of recommendations on which action have been initiated. Further, there are already committees set up by the Ministry of Health for looking into specialised problems of the individual hospitals and their requirements and functioning is also reviewed periodically and concrete action instituted where called for.

The functioning of the hospitals under the Government of N.C.T. of Delhi is periodically reviewed by that Government and appropriate measures are undertaken wherever necessary.

[Translation]

#### Assistance Under National Literacy Mission

1509. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the assistance provided under the 'National Literacy Mission' during the last three years till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of men/women made literate during the above period, especially in the tribal/backward/rural/hilly areas of Gujarat State;

(c) whether the Government have made any appraisal of this scheme during the above mentioned period or propose to do so;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?